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BEGIN SUMMARY: REPORT BY COEC WORKING GROUP ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS ( REF) HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO COEC FOR CONSIDERATION. REPORT DOES NOT CONTAIN RESULTS OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS NOR HAS THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FORMALLY COMMENTED ON TH PAPER. WE FEEL DOCUMENT NEEDS REVISION TO MAKE IT MORE BALANCED AND OBJECTIVE. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS/ GUIDANCE FOR MAY 23 COEC MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, REPORT IS UNBALANCED AND ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY THE FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT EVERE SHOULD BE HARDENED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR POSITION IS BASICALLY UNPOPULAR WITH OUR COLLEAGUES BUT BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD THE POSITION THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY IS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE  
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COUNCIL/ DPC, ITS APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, IN A PERIOD OF TENSION, CRISIS OR HOSTILITIES AND THAT THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED MORE COST EFFECTIVELY ALONG WITH ECONOMY OF MANPOWER, BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS IN ANOTHER LOCATION FOR THE SAME OR

DIFFERENT REPRESENTATION.

2. UNLESS NOTIFIED TO THE CONTRARY, WE INTEND TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS/ REVISIONS TO REFERENCE:

A. COVER NOTE, PARA 2( D). PARAGRAPH SUGGESTS THAT VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE HEADQUARTERS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT EVEN IF THE ALTERNATE SOLUTION OF ARRANGMENTS IN ANOTHER LOCATION IS ACCEPTED.

B. COVER NOTE, PARA 2( G). DELETE " LIMITED FUNDS... INVESTIGATIONS."

C. COVER NOTE, PARA 3. WITH REGARD TO THE SUGGESTION THAT PROTECTED WORKING SPACE FOR 200 PEOPLE BE ARRANGED, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ARGUED THAT THIS FIGURE MUST BE CAREFULLY DETERMINED, BASED ON AGREEMENT ON ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS. FOLLOWING REFERENCES PERTAIN TO ANNEX:

D. PARA 9. REVISE LAST 3 SENTENCES AS FOLLOWS: " IN SUCH A SITUATION A MOVE OF SOME 50 OR 100 KMS INTO AN ALTERNATE SITE IN BELGIUM OR IN THE NETHERLANDS WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GRAVITY OF EVENTS. INsofar AS A POSSIBLE RELOCATION TO A SITE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS CONCERNED, THE COMMITTEE AGREES WITH POLITICAL ARGUMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT SENIOR NATO AUTHORITIES SHOULD NOT BE SEEN LEAVING THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF A DEVELOPING SITUATION."

E. PARA 10. DELETE SECOND SENTENCE AND REVISE THIRD SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: " IT IS BEYOND DOUBT THAT..."

F. PARA 12. REVISE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: " THUS INsofar AS PROTECTION IN EUROPE IS CONCERNED, EFFORTS SHOULD PRIMARILY..."

G. PARA 13. REVISE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ: "... SHOULD BE JEOPARDISED IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES THAT PROMPTED..."  
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REVISE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: "... IN PARALLEL WITH THE SECOND OPTION, THAT OF MAKING ARRANGEMENTS IN ANOTHER LOCATION FOR THE SAME OR DIFFERENT REPRESENTATION."

H. PARA 14. DELETE IN ENTIRETY.

I. PARA 15, FIRST SENTENCE. DELETE " ON THE OTHER HAND". SECOND SENTENCE (7 TH LINE), CHANGE " WOULD" TO " COULD". NINTH AND TENTH LINES, DELETE " IN A DEVELOPING SITUATION."

J. PARA 16. DELETE FIRST AND LAST SENTENCES.

K. PARA 17. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING: " ON THE

OTHER HAND, BRUSSELS IS A NATIONAL CAPITAL, THE LOCATION OF NATO HEADQUARTERS AND A LIKELY TARGET FOR AIR ATTACK. WHETHER HARDENED OR NOT, THE HEADQUARTERS WILL BE VULNERABLE TO ATTACK. A GREATER EFFORT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO NEUTRALIZE A HARDENED HEADQUARTERS, WITH INCREASED HAZARD TO THE SURROUNDING CIVILIAN POPULATION.

L. DELETE PARAS 18 THROUGH 22.

M PARA 24. REVISE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: " THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVIDING CONTINUITY OF ESSENTIAL COUNCIL/ DPC FUNCTIONS THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS IN

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